

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A coin dispensing apparatus, comprising:
an inserting aperture, provided at an upper part of a main body, for receiving coins to be inserted thereinto;
a first sorting unit comprising a coin discriminating device for discriminating genuineness of coins inserted into said inserting aperture, said sorting unit sorting said coins discriminated in said coin discriminating device;
a holding unit for temporally holding said coins sorted in said first sorting unit;
a coin storing unit provided under said holding unit; and
a coin repayment unit, provided at a lower part of said main body, for giving change to a customer when goods are sold ~~returning said coins to a customer~~;
wherein said coin dispensing apparatus has
a holding cylinder provided in said holding unit for temporally holding said coins
sorted in said first sorting unit, said holding cylinder holding said coins for each coin kind,
a wiper provided at a lower part of said ~~housing~~ holding cylinder for sweeping said coins temporally held in said holding cylinder, and
a second sorting unit provided under said wiper for sorting said coins swept by said wiper to said coin storing unit or said coin repayment unit, and

when coin-returning operation is performed after coins are inserted into said coin dispensing apparatus, the inserted coins being temporally held in said holding cylinder are returned.

3. (Previously Presented) A coin dispensing apparatus, as defined in claim 2, wherein: said coin dispensing apparatus has a coin storing passage connected with said coin storing unit and a repayment passage connected with said coin repayment unit, and a damper provided in said second sorting unit for switching said coin storing passage and said repayment passage.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A coin dispensing apparatus, comprising:
an inserting aperture, provided at an upper part of a main body, for receiving coins to be inserted thereinto;
a sorting unit comprising a coin discriminating device for discriminating genuineness of coins inserted into said inserting aperture, said sorting unit sorting said coins discriminated in said coin discriminating device;
a holding unit for temporally holding said coins sorted in said sorting unit;
a coin storing unit provided under said holding unit; and
a coin repayment unit, provided at a lower part of said main body, for giving change to a customer when goods are sold ~~returning said coins to a customer~~;
wherein said coin dispensing apparatus has

a holding cylinder provided in said holding unit for temporally holding said coins
sorted in said sorting unit, said holding cylinder holding said coins for each coin kind,
a wiper provided at a lower part of said ~~housing~~ holding cylinder for sweeping
said coins temporally held in said holding cylinder, and
a receiving member provided near said wiper for sorting said coins swept by said
wiper to said coin storing unit or said coin repayment unit by operation with or without
being linked to said wiper, and
when coin-returning operation is performed after coins are inserted into said coin
dispensing apparatus, the inserted coins being temporally held in said holding cylinder
are returned.

6. (Original) A coin dispensing apparatus, as defined in claim 5, wherein:
operation of said receipt member is linked with said wiper in storing coins in said coin
storing unit, and is not linked with said wiper in sweeping coins to said coin repayment unit.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A coin dispensing apparatus, as defined in claim 2, wherein
during a selling operation, the coins in said holding unit are transferred to said coin storing
unit, and
during a returning operation, a passage from said holding unit to said coin storing unit is
blocked and the coins in said holding unit are transferred to said coin repayment unit via a
repayment passage between said holding unit and said coin repayment unit.

10. (Previously Presented) A coin dispensing apparatus, as defined in claim 5, wherein during a selling operation, the coins in said holding unit are transferred to said coin storing

unit, and

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during a returning operation, a passage from said holding unit to said coin storing unit is blocked and the coins in said holding unit are transferred to said coin repayment unit via a repayment passage between said holding unit and said coin repayment unit.
